

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

August 16, 2026—10:30 AM

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: Pastor David Wenker
Message: Dan Wenker;
Worship Production: Norris Clark



WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online:
www.coldspringworship.com

MESSAGE PREVIEW:

Dan Wenker, the brother of Pastor Dave Wenker will be sharing the story of the lessons God taught him from his near death experience. While hiking down from the Grand Teton in Wyoming, Dan slid into an ice mote next to a raging waterfall and dropped sixty feet, landing on a small three-foot ledge. In the pitch black, he heard God tell him this was not his day to die. The miraculous rescue changed his perspective on life and taught him about gratitude, trusting God's plan and the importance of living a "What If" life. His story will inspire and encourage people to find the wonder of life in each day.

Dan is an author, speaker, outdoor enthusiast, avid mountaineer, and former REI outdoor experiences guide. He has submitted numerous mountains including Mount Rainier, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Whitney, Mount Hood and Mount St Helens. After graduating from Pennsylvania State University in Agri-Business Management he enjoyed a career in the food service industry.

MUSIC PREVIEW:

The hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" was written by English minister Isaac Watts and published in 1715. Originally titled "Praise for Creation and Providence," it first appeared in his book *Divine and Moral Songs for Children* to make worship accessible and easy to understand for young minds.

The world's most famous Christian hymn, "Amazing Grace," was written by English poet and clergyman John Newton. Published in 1779, the song is a deeply personal, autobiographical account of Newton's journey from a ruthless slave trader to an ordained minister and abolitionist.

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" is a classic gospel hymn written in 1905 by lyricist Civilla D. Martin and composer Charles H. Gabriel. Its creation was inspired by an bedridden friend's profound remark about faith, rooted in biblical passages from Matthew.

PRELUDE

JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME:

REV. DAVID WENKER

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)

God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (RESPONSIVE)

One: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you.

Many: I have seen you in the sanctuary and
beheld your power and **Z**your glory.

One: Because your love is better than life, my lips
will glorify you.

Many: I will praise you as long as I live and in your name I will lift up my hands.

OPENING PRAYER: (UNISON)

We are glad to be here today. It is our privilege to gather as your people in this place at this time. Many have been here before us and sang the hymns of praise and prayed the prayers of thanksgiving. May our worship today be faithful to you and to all who have gone before us. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN

GATHERING HYMN - #288 (BLUE) "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD "

**1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies,
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey.**

**2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,**

**Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!**

**3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.**

CALL TO CONFESSION: (ROMANS 11:32)

The apostle Paul says that we are “imprisoned in disobedience,” but that God is merciful to all. We live amid the tension of knowing that the Lord is quick to forgive and recognizing that we need to be forgiven. We also live amid the tension of knowing that, through Christ, all things are being made new and recognizing that our broken world needs to be transformed. From the discomfort of this tension, let us offer a prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

Our soul thirsts for you, O God, but we feed our souls so many other things. Forgive us when we feast on resentment and jealousies. Forgive us

when we hunger for things we can buy that don't satisfy. Forgive us when we try to make food or entertainment or work or social connections fill our hearts. Forgive us and heal us of our self-centered ways. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN
(Silent Reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

One: Friends hear the good news of the gospel. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and a new life has begun.
Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** The Gloria**

**Glory be to the Father.
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (ISAIAH 56:1)

"Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed." Let us pray. God of every time and place, may your Spirit move among us so that the words we hear and the words we speak

will be to your glory, will lead towards justice, and will reveal to us your salvation and deliverance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 139: 1-12, 23-24

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

MESSAGE: "GRACE IN ACTION" GOD'S MARVELOUS-UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

DAN WENKER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #280 (BLUE) "AMAZING GRACE"

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;**

**'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS:

God has called his people together from the beginning, equipping each of us with talent, blessing each of us with gifts, and being a part of each of our stories. As we bring forward our offerings of time and talents, as we give back from what we have been given, and as we continue to share our testimony with one another, we express our gratitude to God. Let us bring forth our offerings with thanksgiving.

Offertory

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above the heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

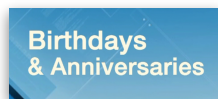
Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Flowers that beautify the Sanctuary are given
By Pastor David Wenker in honor of Janet's
Birthday**

To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one,
sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate,
609-847-1530. (\$20/vase).



Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Janet Wenker ~ Aug. 17

Ginny Scott ~ Aug. 21

Melissa Arnott ~ Aug. 23

Wayne Dilks ~ Aug. 25

Happy Anniversary to Rick & Mary Everett ~

Aug. 26!

COLD SPRING SUPPERS "BOOK CLUB"



Why: Good food for your heart, mind, body,
and soul!

How: Participants will select, read, and
discuss contemporary and classic books
that stimulate the heart and mind, and enjoy

a free dinner (pizza, salad, and drink). The **Next Book selection** is **"One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voscamp**

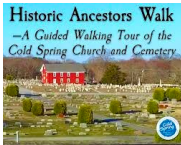
When: Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 6:30 pm

Where: Located here at Price Hall on 780 Seashore Road in Cold Spring.

NOTE: Participants may request free copies of selected books in advance by emailing their request and mailing address to norrisclark@me.com



- "Hospitality Under the Trees" fellowship continues today, through August. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to host or co-host a week this summer.



COLD SPRING CHURCH & CEMETERY TOUR DATES FOR 2026 - MEETS AT 10:00 AM IN FRONT OF THE RED BRICK CHURCH, APPROX 60 MINUTES.

Saturday's - August - 15, & 29,
September - 12 & 26

RECEIVING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

Pray for: Jo Armstrong is having surgery on Thursday, Aug. 13; Comfort for family and friends of Wesley Tomlin, on the loss of her father; Comfort for the family and friends of John Raimondi who passed away Aug. 8, 2026. John

was the Brother in law of the late Becca McCaughey; Jim Harveson's friend Dennis, hospitalized due to a brain injury received in the Vietnam War; Linda Kaempf recovering from hip replacement surgery August 7; speedy recovery for John Saalman's injuries suffered in a fall; Pat Harris suffering a fracture in her foot; a visitor requested prayers for Michael Long; Ariana Palmer, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

Continual prayer requested for: Mary Everett; Eileen Stalford in nursing care; Pastor Bob Sheidly friend of Bob Heinly, as he battles multiple maladies of aging.

Those on hospice care: Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Kiley Fulford; Karen R., Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Candy, Donna, Liz, Joe, Jennifer, Lori, Debbie, Norma Sasso, Roseann Crook, Christa, Jackie, Diane, Joe Paulits, Gretchen, Ray, Carl, Robert, Richard Beare and Michael Minor, Ashley, John Cervo, Madden family members, Mary King, Greg Myers, Patty Leisner.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

**Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.**

SENDING HYMN: #278 (RED) "HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"

**1. Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely**

**And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
my constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.**

**2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Tho' by the path He leadeth
but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.**

**3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,**

**When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He cares for me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.**

BENEDICTION: (RESPONSIVE) REV. DAVID WENKER

**"You go nowhere by accident
Where ever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
God has a purpose in your being there.
Christ lives in you and has something
he wants to do through you where you are.
Believe this and go in the grace and love and
power of Jesus Christ."**

Rev. Richard Halverson, former US Senate Chaplain

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.

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1. *God Welcomes All* - CCLI Song #549555
2. *I Sing the Mighty Power of God:* Isaac Watts, Gesangbuch der Herzogl Wirttembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle; CCLI Song #29097
3. *Gloria:* Public Domain
4. *Amazing Grace:* John Newton. ; CCLI Song #4755360
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
6. *His Eye is on the Sparrow:* Civilla D. Martin, Charles H. Gabriel; CCLI Song #77692